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1. (Currently Amended) A protective garment, which is intended to be only worn by a wearer who is authorized to pass through a security perimeter, the protective garment comprising a pocket, which defines a window, the protective garment further comprising an external a flap, which is movable outside the protective garment, between a position wherein the flap covers the window and positions wherein the flap does not cover the window, which becomes visible from outside the protective garment, when the flap has been moved to one of the positions wherein the flap does not cover the window, without further manipulation of the protective garment, and the protective garment further comprising a card, which is disposed in the pocket, the card displaying data, which are readable through the window by a human, by an electronic scanner, or by both, and which are unique to the authorized wearer of the protective garment, whereby, when the flap covers the window, the flap protects the data against becoming illegible because of foreign matter, such as soot, or because of surface abrasion.

2. (Original) The protective garment of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the flap detachably in the position wherein the flap covers the window.

3. (Original) The protective garment of claim 2, wherein the attaching means comprises a hook-and-loop fastener.

4. (Original) The protective garment of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein said data comprise symbolic data identifying the authorized wearer of the protective garment.

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5. (Original) The protective garment of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein said data comprise bar code data identifying the authorized wearer of the protective garment.

6. (Original) The protective garment of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein said data comprise a photograph of the authorized wearer of the protective garment.

7. (New) The protective garment of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pocket has a top margin, a bottom margin, and two lateral margins and wherein the pocket is sewn to an outer shell of the protective garment along three of said margins.

8. (New) The protective garment of claim 7, wherein the pocket is sewn to the outer shell of the protective garment along the bottom and lateral margins but not along the top margin.

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